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DEPUTY COLLECTOR HAGAN ENDORSED

By United States Court Officials on Leaving Marshal's Office.

The Times-Union of recent date contained the following concerning the transfer of P. M. Hagan of this city from the office of deputy U. S. marshal to that of divisional deputy in the office of the internal revenue collector:

The divisional deputies of the internal revenue collector's office will start out this morning for the various parts of the state to round up any possible delinquents in the emergency tax paying act, and to get the annual required inventories of the cigar manufacturers. Several new men have been added to the force since the emergency war tax went into effect, and among them are men whose knowledge of men and affairs of the state generally will be of assistance to them and the department in getting the data required for the department.

Hayes Lewis, collector of internal revenue, said yesterday that the work in the office is now well in hand, thanks to the additional force and the regular office men, and he can start out his deputies in the knowledge that, although another rush will begin as soon as they get busy, the office force will be in shape to handle it.

Two of the new deputies are Stuart L. Chapman, former councilman and president of the city council, and P. M. Hagan, who was deputy United States marshal under Marshal J. C. Brown, and who was selected by Mr. Lewis because of his knowledge of the state generally and his ability to handle situations nicely.

On the eve of his starting out, Mr. Hagan received two letters, one from the clerk of the United States court and one from the United States district attorney, both of whose offices he has been closely connected with while deputy United States marshal.

E. D. Dodge, United States clerk, wrote congratulating him on his promotion, and regretting his departure from the marshal's office because of the most pleasant personal and business relations that have existed, and then added, "Since I became clerk of this court, out of the many hundred services which you have made, and which have been returned to this office, not one have I ever had occasion to find fault with, and furthermore, you have been ready and willing and have answered the call at any hour of the day or night, and your personal courtesy to every one has been particularly impressed on me. I feel your promotion is a loss to the United States district court."

Fred Botts, assistant United States district attorney, wrote a long letter in which he said: "Since your connection with the marshal's office our relations, you as one of the executive officers, and myself as one of the prosecuting attorneys, have been most pleasant. No one could ask of an officer service more faithful or more efficient than you have rendered. My personal knowledge of the facts prompts me to say that you have shown unusual intelligence and ability in carrying out the duties which have fallen upon you, and which, because of the limited force of the United States marshal's office, have been very arduous."

Tomlin to Talk.

Hon. R. R. Tomlin of Plant City, one of the State's Inspectors of Convicts, will address the members of the Palatka Woman's Club at the parlors of the Putnam House this afternoon at 3 o'clock. His subjects will be "The Convict System of Florida."

Mr. Tomlin was asked to appear before the ladies by the Educational and Literary department of the club, which has the arrangements for the meeting in hand.

Mr. Tomlin was a member of the last Florida Legislature from Hillsborough county, and is a man of considerable ability. He understands, perhaps, better than anyone else in the State, the position of the present administration on the question of treatment of convicts. He is a fluent and at times eloquent speaker.

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GARDNERS WERE MURDERED NOW SEEMS A CERTAINTY

Last Camp has been Found on Raft Creek—Equipment

Widow and Miss-ing Men a

That H. S. Gardner, the missing men from their negro servant, and their bodies burnt or otherwise put out of the way, is now pretty generally credited.

Since early last week searching parties have been visiting all the out of the way nooks in the mysterious Ocklawaha river for traces of the missing men. A party consisting of Messrs. Gaffney, Greenwood, Harlow and Capt. Wilcox, who left Welaka early in the week and who went up Raft creek, found what all now concede to have been the last camping place of the Gardners. They tell the following story:

"We arrived at the mouth of Raft Creek, which is about eight miles from Welaka and one of our party insisted on going up the creek as he knew that trout fishing there was very good and that there were a number of alligators and swamp snakes which he wanted his Northern friend, Mr. Harlow to see. About one mile up Raft Creek where Johnson Creek crosses at a point known as Fowler's Camp, we noticed a mattress, pillow and bed clothes floating on the stream. Upon looking on shore we saw an abandoned camp. On landing we found a stove on which stood cooked baked potatoes and a pot of fish chowder, showing that a meal had been prepared, and scattered all around were various articles of provisions such as potatoes, flour, canned goods, etc. We also found cooking utensils, new oil-stoves, clothing, two cans full of gasoline, fishing tackle a new axe and hatchet, and along side the ashes of a fire was a camera case, two new rolls of fishing line, and the frame of a suit case, all of which had, to a greater or lesser extent, been burned. There was every indication of a hastened departure, and no doubt the bedding found in the river was thrown out of the boat to lighten it so the boat could float down to the Ocklawaha, as the tide low would seem had lowered since the boat had gone up, and the articles in the boat made it settle too deep in the water.

"We casually looked around for signs of blood or a struggle and also prodded with our oars around our boat in the water for the bodies but discovered nothing, and knowing the story of the missing men we immediately left the gruesome spot and hastened to Welaka to notify the authorities.

Sheriff Kennerly, Judge John E. Marshall, Dr. Miller and others of this city, accompanied by E. Pinner of Welaka made a subsequent visit to the camp above described and which they found as represented by the discoverers, together with other evidence which point unmistakably to this being the last camp of the missing men, and the place of their probable murder.

There were numerous empty shot shells, a piece of bottle with the label "Formaldehyde," purchased in Massachusetts; in the stove was the frame of a sachel, the burned portions of a camera, two compasses, tools and various bottles which had been partly melted in the fire. There was also a bunch of keys, one of which was the key to a safety deposit box, and which has been subsequently identified as the property of A. Gardner. Sheriff Kennerly also dragged the river in the vicinity, but found no traces of the bodies of the men. He did find, however, a sweater, which has also been identified as belonging to one of the missing men.

Mrs. A. Gardner, who arrived in Palatka Monday, went to Palatka with the sheriff's party to a year was she who identified his brother's property of her husband's laundry. His brother, she was visiting in York yesterday, Indiana, when she will be given her husband's disappearance a burial came direct to this city a custom. He ping at the Howell house, a Mark Masonic most preparing little won't the laun- with his grief and un- yet when though how she has about the death of any hope of ever again see that husband.

She has a little baby daughter, and sixteen months old who is well from mother in Baltimore. Mrs. G. known says she has usually accompanied her husband on his trips, but did not time as it was his purpose to fish and fish, and as he only intend to be away some two weeks, she went to Plainfield instead.

arrived here on Tuesday night. The first he heard of the disappearance of his brothers was on Monday night, when he immediately wired the mayor of Welaka. He received his first news of the disappearance through his aged mother, and started immediately for Florida.

"My brother Alonzo," said he, never traveled without a good supply of ready money, and Horace usually wore some valuable jewelry, though he was usually more cautious about money, and rarely carried a large sum." He stated that his brother Horace was 42 years of age and had a wife and four children, the oldest of whom was but 12. Alonzo was 48 years of age, and it is his wife who is now in Palatka. He stated that neither of his brothers ever absented themselves for any time from home without writing to their wives and to their mother, and the fact that they had not written, was proof positive that they had met with foul play.

Mr. Gardner has offered a reward of \$100 for the recovery of the bodies of his brothers. He is at present at the Casino Hotel in Welaka, with Mrs. Alonzo Gardner. They expected to be joined there today by a sister of the latter from Plainfield, Indiana. Sheriff Kennerly with the assistance of officers from Jacksonville, is leaving no stone unturned to find the negro suspected of this crime. The officers have his description and Jacksonville officers know the man. A letter belonging to him was found among the rubbish partly burned at the last camp. This letter was signed "Clyde Stover," and was addressed to 411 Broad street, Jacksonville.

YELVERTON RESIGNS FROM CITY COUNCIL

C. M. Livingston Elected Chief of Police for Unexpired Term.

At the meeting of the city council last Tuesday night a bomb was exploded in the reading by the clerk of a letter from President J. H. Yelverton, Jr., tendering his resignation as alderman from the Second ward. Mr. Yelverton explained that the resignation was tendered at this time in order to give the city democratic committee time to arrange for the election of the long and short term members from his ward. Members of the council protested but Mr. Yelverton was firm. He said his resignation must be accepted or the ward would have but one representative the coming year. In face of this determination a motion was made and put, accepting the resignation.

Mr. Yelverton was seen by a representative of the News at his store on Wednesday. He said that he had served the city six years and he felt that he had done his full duty. "I think," said he, "that perhaps I am more sensitive to criticism than the average alderman; I am sensitive, and some of the criticism hurts; however I feel that I have given the city my best service, and that I owe my full time from now on to my business. No matter on what side a public official may line up on a public question, he is bound to make enemies. These enemies may count against his business. I know I have made enemies by what my associates have told me. Yes, I am through, and from now on I will be strictly business."

"Are you going to run for mayor," Mr. Yelverton was asked. The question made him smile. "I was told that this would be the case," he responded. "I am not of the opinion that I should run for mayor, but the fact that right now the state needs more workers, as significant results are being obtained and that there is a healthy spirit of co-operation on the part of the public at large.

He stated that Florida would profit by having a silo expert. He thinks that such a man, whose whole time could be used in educating the public to the need of silos and also crops, would be a good investment. This is his hope during the course of the ensuing year.

First Presbyterian Church.

The following services are announced for this church during the coming week:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., with Mr. Frank Chapman, the superintendent, in charge. Subject, "Samuel Called to Be a Prophet."

Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "An Occupation in Which Everybody Succeeds."

Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock, with sermon by the minister; subject of sermon, "Some Persons That God Laughs At."

On each Wednesday evening at 7:30 we meet in the church for 40 minutes of Bible study. The teachers in our Sunday school are expected to attend the meeting, that they may increase their efficiency.

The pastor of this church believes that the Christianity for earth as well as for heaven. If you want to be saved, the Gospel preached in a various remedies, but like spirit, and a long time with Christ offered as army posts taking care for all the souls of humanity, you are called to this house of worship.

J. W. PURCELL, D. D. Minister.

HEAVY TRUCKS WARNED NOT TO CROSS BRIDGE

Board of Trade Committee Urges Permanent Structure.

The county bridge spanning the St. Johns river at Palatka has been declared unsafe for heavy motor trucks, and the bridge tender has been instructed by resolution of the board of county commissioners to refuse passage to any vehicle which in his judgment he deems too heavy, or which causes too great vibration.

Several truck owners in this city who have been in the habit of crossing the bridge with their auto trucks, have been warned that they must cease.

The commissioners have been making repairs all along, but it begins to look now as if the next thing to do would be to build a new and permanent bridge. The present bridge was built only a few years ago. It is a frame structure on piling, all but the draw, which is of iron and substantial.

The piling needs replacing and much of the frame work of the bridge will have to be replaced. Repairs are going on all the time.

It was only last summer that the big Caterpillar Tractor, a road machine, went through the bridge at a point midway between the draw and the Palatka side. The county was not liable in this instance for the reason that the owners were warned not to cross. The big tractor caused intense vibration, and it was this, rather than the weight of the machine, which caused the accident. The bridge parted and the big machine went into the water. Fortunately no one was killed and the damage was not heavy.

The bridge is getting shaky, and realizing that there is danger of the county's becoming involved in damage suits from further accidents of the kind, the board of county commissioners has authorized the bridge tender to stop any vehicle he thinks too heavy for the bridge.

Palatka and the precincts across the river are most vitally interested in this bridge. After several years of passing to and fro, to be deprived of the bridge now would indeed cripple the business of this city and the towns across the river. Realizing this the Palatka board of commissioners, by its board of governors has a committee, originated a move to build a new and permanent bridge.

The idea originated with Gen. de Montmollin. He induced a resolution to effect that the board of county commissioners be requested to ask for bids for a permanent bridge, and that they also take steps looking to the establishment of a special tax road and bridge district for Palatka and the precincts on the east side of the river—San Mateo, East Palatka and Federal Point. This resolution carried and a committee composed of H. M. de Montmollin, chairman; F. H. Wilson, T. J. Barnett, H. A. Davis, S. J. Kennerly, S. J. Hilborn, J. V. Walton, F. J. Fearnside, Dr. H. A. Johnson, W. W. Tilghman, F. D. Wattles, J. H. Haughton, John Ledbetter, W. A. Russell, C. E. Budington, W. S. McKenzie, W. E. Tilghman, J. H. Yelverton, W. A. Wattles, Moses Folsom, P. O. Markey, Ed. Kummer, J. D. Despland, Ed. M. Earnest, P. M. Holst, Chas. Burt, Dr. E. W. Warren, Noah Tilghman, Julian Calhoun, Dr. J. C. Chandler, of Palatka; J. A. Crosby, Fred Carrington, J. D. Gray, C. A. Bailey, of San Mateo; S. S. Browning, J. A. Helms, J. M. Park and Frank Browning, of East Palatka; E. S. Hubbard and S. S. Tenney, of Federal Point; and J. O. Eddy of Orange Mills.

Some thirty or more members of this committee waited on the board of county commissioners on Tuesday and the board agreed to take up the matter as requested.

Mrs. Hamm's Reception.

Tuesday afternoon last Mrs. T. Hamm received her many friends at her beautiful new home on to be drive.

Up to reception was in honor of Mrs. Hamm, the Misses Dishart, of Salisbury, Md., lent reason of the third anniversary of will be accepted to Palatka to

Rev. Mr. DeWitt and three and five Jacksonville, who know where the St. Marks and the needs of the city, perhaps better than any other man. Members of Mr. Lewis' congregation at Monticello also write in answer to enquiries, recommending him very highly.

This, Friday morning, word comes to The News that Rev. Mr. Lewis has accepted the call, and will be here on March 14th to take up the work of the church.

Waterways Meeting at Sanford.

One of the counter attractions at Sanford last week during the Seminole County Fair was the meeting of the Florida Inland Waterways Association which met on Thursday—Palatka day. H. M. de Montmollin, president, and Moses Folsom, secretary and treasurer of the Association, were present from this city, as were Hon. A. E. Donegan of Kissimmee, and W. R. O'Neal of Orlando, both of these gentlemen being vice-presidents of the association. The meeting was well attended, representatives being present from many central and south Florida towns; a discussion of the St. Johns as the main link in the waterway system being the feature of the afternoon. The outlook for the association is very bright as the project is growing in favor with time, and at the next meeting which has been called for DeLand, the date to be named, a definite plan of accomplishment will be mapped out.